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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG PROJECTED TRIP TO EAST ASIA

REF: STATE 017602

1. REFTEL AND INCONCLUSIVE UNOFFICIAL INDICATIONS HERE
SUGGEST AMBASSADOR YOUNG MAY WELL VISIT PHILIPPINES THIS
MARCH. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, YOUNG PLANS TWENTY-FOUR HOUR
STOPOVER. SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY ON NEGROS ISLAND PLANS CONFER
DEGREE UPON YOUNG; PHILIPPINE ORGANIZATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
LOOKS FORWARD TO YOUNG AS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT INAUGURAL
CEREMONY; AND GOP, OF COURSE, WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED. LATTER
REGARD, FOREIGN SECRETARY TOLD AMBASSADOR JANUARY 24 THAT
WHILE HE UNABLE TO CONFIRM YOUNG VISIT, LATTER WOULD BE MOST
WELCOME AS OFFICIAL GUEST.

2. EMBASSY TOO WOULD WELCOME YOUNG VISIT AND WANT TO PROVIDE
ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. MOST IMPORTANTLY AT THIS JUNCTURE
WE BELIEVE, IS THAT YOUNG SHOULD PALN AT LEAST ONE FULL
DAY IN MANILA IN ADDITION TO DAY IN SILLIMAN
GIVEN UNDOUBTED INTEREST ON PART OF
PRESIDENT MARCOS, SECRETARY ROMULO, AND OTHER TOP OFFICIALS
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IN MEETING WITH YOUNG AS WELL AS THAT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
LEADERS IN PRIVATE AND CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.

3. WE WILL REMAIN ALERT TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS HERE
CONCERNING A YOUNG VISIT AND WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER
YOU CAN OFFER BY WAY OF GUIDANCE AS YOUNG'S PLANNING
MATURES.

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